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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A package for shipping and storing containers of product, said package comprising:

5 a rectangularly shaped box having a greater length than width and having a bottom wall, opposite end walls, and opposite side walls disposed orthogonally to the end walls and defining an elongate interior space in which containers of product may be placed in nested, offset
10 relationship to one another in a generally parallelogram-shaped arrangement, wherein angled interior corner panels extend diagonally across two diagonally opposite interior corners the box, defining a generally parallelogram-shaped box
15 interior; and

said generally parallelogram-shaped arrangement of the nested and offset containers therein conforms to the interior shape of the box, whereby
20 the containers are closely constrained against movement in the box.

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2. (Cancelled).

3. (Previously Presented) A package as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

at least one said side wall has an opening therein through which the containers are visible.

4. (Previously Presented) A package as claimed in claim 3, wherein:

both said side walls have an opening therein, defining at least portions of said side walls of reduced height; and

said interior corner panels are cut from said side walls, defining said openings, and then folded inwardly toward an adjacent said end wall to form said angled interior corner panels.

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5. (Original) A shipping and display box for containers of product, comprising:
a bottom wall, opposite end walls, and opposite side walls disposed
5 orthogonally to the end walls to define an elongate rectangularly shaped box having four corners; and
angled interior corner panels extending across two diagonally opposite corners of the box, defining a generally parallelogram-shaped interior
10 space in the box, whereby a number of containers can be placed in the box in nested, offset relationship to one another in a parallelogram-shaped arrangement that conforms closely to the interior shape of the box, said elongate
15 rectangular shape of the box enabling the boxes to be cross-stacked and interlocked with one another to produce a stable stack of the boxes..

6. (Original) A box as claimed in claim 5, wherein:

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the side and end walls and interior corner panels have a height that is at

5 least as great as the height of containers placed in the box, whereby boxes filled with containers may be stacked on top of one another without imposing a load on the containers, said interior corner panels serving to impart stacking strength
10 to the box as well as defining said parallelogram-shaped interior space that conforms closely to the parallelogram-shaped arrangement of containers placed therein.

7. (Original) A box as claimed in claim 6, wherein:
at least a portion of at least one said side wall is of reduced height, defining
5 an opening through said at least one side wall, whereby containers placed in the box are visible through the opening.

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8. (Original) A box as claimed in claim 7,

wherein:

at least portions of both side walls are of reduced height, defining openings through which containers placed in the box are visible, and said interior corner panels are cut from said side walls to form said openings, said corner panels having one edge foldably connected to a respective side wall, and an opposite free edge, said corner panels being folded back from a respective side wall and attached at their free edge to an adjacent end wall.

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9. (Currently Amended) A box as claimed in claim
8, wherein:

15 said box is configured to closely conform to
and hold four one-gallon containers disposed in
said nested, offset relationship.

10. (Original) A box as claimed in claim 5,
wherein:

5 said bottom wall, side walls, end walls, and
interior corner panels are formed from a single
unitary blank of corrugated board.

11. (Original) A box as claimed in claim 5,
wherein:

5 said box, including said bottom wall, side
walls and end walls, is formed from a first blank
of corrugated board, and said interior corner
panels are each formed from a respective second
blank of corrugated board.

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12. (Original) A box as claimed in claim 11,
wherein:

the interior corner panels comprise three
panels folded and secured together to have a
5 triangular cross-section, and the corner panels
have a height that is greater than the height of
the box side and end walls.

13-20. (Cancelled)